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TO: Deborah Gaskin, Director
Board of Ethics

FROM: Irvin Corley, Jr., Fiscal Analysis Director

DATE: April 27, 2009

RE: 2009-10 Budget Analysis

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Attached is our budget analysis regarding your department's budget for the upcoming 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.

Please be prepared to respond to the issues/questions raised in our analysis during your scheduled hearing on **Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** We would then appreciate a written response to the issues/questions at your earliest convenience subsequent to your budget hearing. Please forward a copy of your responses to the Councilmembers and the City Clerk's Office.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our budget analysis.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Attachment

cc: Councilmembers
Council Divisions
Auditor General's Office
Joseph Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Pamela Scales, Budget Department Director
Ron Chenault, Budget Department Team Leader
Arese Robinson, Mayor's Office

Board of Ethics

FY 2009-2010 Budget Analysis by the Fiscal Division

Summary

In City Charter Section 2-106 Standards of Conduct, the Board of Ethics (Board) was established as an independent board. The Board of Ethics consists of seven members of the public: three appointed by City Council; three appointed by the Mayor; and one jointly appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Board members serve without compensation. The City Council first enacted the Ethics Ordinance in 2000, and the ordinance was amended in 2006.

The Board issues advisory opinions on the meaning and application of provisions of the Charter, City ordinances or other laws or regulations establishing standards of conduct for elective officers, appointees, or employees. An elective officer, appointee, or employee renders advisory opinions upon written request. The Board annually in a report to the Mayor and City Council publishes advisory opinions. The opinions shall not disclose the identity of the elective officers, appointees, or employees concerned.

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2009-2010 includes appropriations of \$278,789 in the City's Non-Departmental Agency, which is a decrease of \$19,142 or 6.4% from fiscal year 2008-2009. There are no budgeted revenues.

2008-2009 Surplus/(Deficit)

There is no estimated surplus or deficit for the Board.

Overtime

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 does not budget any overtime for the Board, which is unchanged for fiscal year 2008-2009. As of March 31, 2009, the Board has no overtime expense.

Personnel and Turnover Savings

There are no projected personnel or turnover savings for the Board.

Proposed Layoffs and Position Changes

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2009-2010 does not include any layoffs or changes in the number of FTE's budgeted for the Board.

Significant Funding Changes in Appropriation

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10397	Board of Ethics	The Mayor recommends a total fiscal year 2009-2010 appropriation budget of \$278,789 for the Board of Ethics, which is a decrease of \$19,142 (6.4%) from the current year budget of \$297,931. The decrease is the result of the reduction in salary cost of \$14,329, \$121 in employee benefits, \$1,692 in operating services, and \$3,000 in other expenses.
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Issues and Questions

1. What has the Board of Ethics done in FY 2008-2009 to make City public servants, politicians, appointees, and employees, more aware of the Ethics Ordinance and its impact on their work and City operations?
2. Does the Board of Ethics have any plans for educational and training programs for the fiscal year 2009-2010?
3. What steps has the Board of Ethics taken to ensure public trust, since the last administration?
4. How effective have the Board's opinions been?